(b) if so, what was the original target and what is the new target;

(c) reasons for scaling down the target; and

(d) what is the present production of nuclear power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) Setting up of 10,000 MWe of power through nuclear energy in the first stage, predominantly through natural uranium reactors still continues to be the target. This is inclusive of 2x1000 MW_e Soviet reactors proposed to be set up as per Inter-Governmental Agreement of co-operation signed in November, 1988 between USSR and India. The timing of achievement of the target will however be consistent with the available resources and has shifted beyond 2000 A.D. A clear position on the target by 2000 A.D. will emerge after the 8th Five Year Plan allocations are finalised.

The installed nuclear capacity presently in operation is 1465 MWe. Atomic Energy Commission rerated the capacities of some units in May, 1991. The present (rerated) installed capacity works out to 1280 MWe. Additional units with a total installed capacity of 1645 MWe (being rerated to 1540 MWe) are at various stages of construction/commissioning. Project financial sanction for new units with a total capacity of 1000 MWe has been accorded in January, 1991 for which budget allocation in 1991-92 is yet to be approved.

Prices of Glazed and Standard Newsprint

*255. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of glazed and standard newsprint;

(b) if so, to what extent and what would be the total increase in the price in view of devaluation of rupee;

(c) what is the reaction of the newspaper industry thereto and how it is likely to affect the prices of newspapers; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the rates of advertisements for newspapers and magazines by 18 per cent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Government has no control over the prices of indigenous newsprint. There is no such proposal under consideration as on date in respect of imported newsprint.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Public Sector Undertakings without Chairmen

*256. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Public Sector Undertakings in the country are functioning without Chairmen; and

(b) by when Government propose to appoint Chairmen in those Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) On the basis of the information available, the details of the Central Public Sector Undertakings in which the ports of Chairman & Managing Director are presently vacant, are furnished in the enclosed statement.